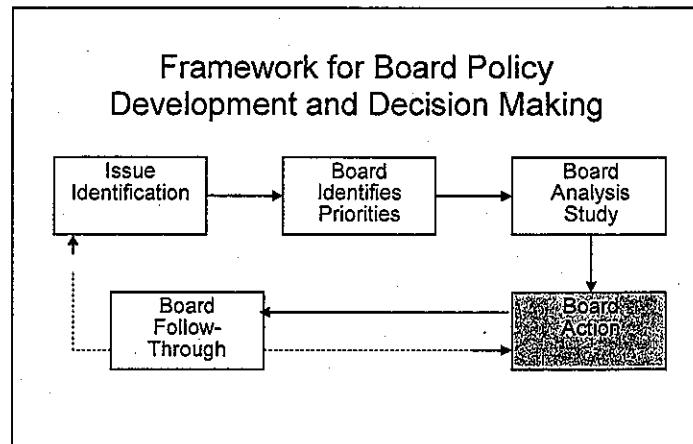


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

April 30, 2009



- Agenda Item:** Religious Groups Exempted from School Standards
- Iowa Goal:** All K-12 students will achieve at a high level.
- Equity Impact Statement:** Iowa Code section 299.24 provides for an exemption from the compulsory education law and the educational standards law for members of established religious denominations which profess tenets that differ substantially from these laws.
- Presenter:** None (consent agenda)
- Attachments:** 2
- Recommendation:** It is recommended the State Board of Education approve the exemption renewal requests for the attached list of 46 religious groups.
- Background:** In the past, religious groups in Iowa are exempt from the compulsory education and school standards laws under Iowa Code section 299.24. A one-year renewal of the initial two-year exemption may be requested annually by each religious group desiring to do so. These renewal requests may be granted by the Director of Education with the approval of the State Board of Education.
- Forty-six religious groups have submitted renewal requests including an appropriate list of the names, ages, and post office addresses of children of compulsory age as required by Iowa Code section 299.24.
- Each of these 46 religious groups has complied with requests for information.



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
JUDY A. JEFFREY, DIRECTOR

DATE: April 30, 2009

TO: Members, State Board of Education

FROM: Judy Jeffrey, Director

SUBJECT: Religious Groups Exempted from Educational Standards

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the exemption renewal requests for 46 religious groups, which were filed pursuant to Iowa Code section 299.24.

Background

Iowa Code section 299.24 provides an exemption for religious groups from compliance with the compulsory education and educational standards laws. The initial exemption is for two years. A one-year renewal may be requested by each religious group desiring to do so.

The Department of Education has the administrative responsibility for the exemption and exemption renewal processes. As a part of the exemption renewal process, a report is prepared and submitted annually to the State Board of Education. That report contains the renewal requests and the staff recommendation regarding those requests.

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Exempt Schools

School Year	School	Denomination	Public School	First Name	Last Name	Mailing Address	City	Zip	Enroll.	
2009	Bloomfield Mennonite School	Bloomfield Mennonite / Church of God in Christ; Mennonite	Bloomfield / Davis County	Curtis	Kenagy	22190 - 160th Street	Bloomfield	52537	30	
2009	Bloomington School	Old Order Amish	Lamoni	Levi J.	Hostetter	27490 Slip Bluff Road	Davis City	50065	33	
2009	Brookside School	Old Order Amish	Mid-Prairie School District	David	Kaufman	1860 - 500th Street	Kalona	52247	12	
2009	Cedar Hollow	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Bontreger	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	23	
		Old Order Mennonite (Groffdale Conference)	Charles City, New Hampton, Osage, Riceville, Elma	David	Oberholzer	3952 - 190th Street	Elma	50628	230	
2009	Cedar River Mennonite Schools	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Lewis	Mast	16001 - 220th Street	Bloomfield	52537	26	
2009	Clearview School	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Jacob	Kuhns	14583 Jewel Avenue	Drakesville	52552	30	
		Dunkard Brethren	Dallas Center-Grimes, ADM, Redfield, Woodward-Granger	James	Meyers	26331 - 205th Street	Dallas Center	50063	32	
	Dallas Center Christian School	Dallas Center-Grimes; ADM; Perry, Jefferson-Scranton	Bloomfield	Philip	Funk	22018 T Avenue	Dallas Center	50063	19	
2009	(Dunkard)	Old Order River Brethren	Old Order Amish	Junior	Beechy	14354 - 220th Street	Bloomfield	52537	30	
2009	Echo Ridge School	Old Order Amish	Northwood Old Order Amish	Johnson	Eli	Bontrager	2702 - 480th Street SW	Iowa City	52240	23
2009	Echo Vale School	Old Order Amish	Northwood-Kensett Mennonite	Northwood Decatur	Menno S.	Bomtrager	5052 Nut Hatch Avenue	Northwood	50459	13
2009	Echo Valley	Old Order Amish	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Norman	Troyer	15346 US Hwy 69	Weidon	50264	15
2009	Franklin Christian School	Haven Conservative Mennonite	Haven Conservative	Johnson	Marvin	18760 Flora Ave	Bloomfield	52537	20	
2009	Happy Hollow School	Old Order Amish	Oelwein	John A.	Raber	4775 Deity Avenue SW	Kalona	52247	14	
2009	Haven Christian Day School	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntrager	1528 Grant Avenue	Hazleton	50641	23	
2009	Hickory Grove School	Old Order Amish	Old Order Amish			23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	23	
2009	Hidden Valley	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg							
2009	Hilton Ridge	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	20	
2009	Hillview School	Old Order Amish	Bloomfield	Dean	Yoder	15778 - 175th Street	Drakesville	52552	21	
2009	Jackson Corners	Christian (Amish)	Mt. Ayr		Samuel	2937 - 188th Avenue	Redding	50860	26	
2009	Lebanon Parochial School	Amish	Fox Valley		Enos R.	24502 Gray Avenue	Cantril	52542	31	
2009	Limestone View School	Old Order Amish			Freeman J.	1616 - 120th Street	Hazleton	50641	28	
2009	Little Cedar Mennonite School	Little Cedar Mennonite	Riceville, Osage, St. Ansgar	Ivan	Miller	2913 - 360th Street	Osage	50461	15	
		Old Order Amish (South District)	Bloomfield	Monroe	Hersberger	16033 - 250th Street	Bloomfield	52537	24	
2009	Meadow Lane School	Amish	Mt. Ayr	Samuel	Mast	2937 - 188th Avenue	Redding	50860	23	
2009	Middle Fork School	Old Order Amish	Mid-Prairie	Freeman	Ropp	1164 Poplar Blvd.	Kalona	52247	33	

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2009	North Prairie School	Old Order Weaverland Conference Mennonite	Van Buren	Clair	Zimmerman	17260 - 260th Street	Cantil	52542	29
2009	Oak Grove School	Old Order Amish	Riceville	Eli L.	Petersheim	3151 - 420th Street	McIntire	50455	16
2009	Pioneer Trail School	Old Order Amish	Davis County	Noah	Yutzy	17218 Kelp Avenue	Bloomfield	52537	26
2009	Plain View School	Old Order Amish		Eli L.	Petersheim	3151 - 470th Street	McIntire	50455	19
2009	Plain View School	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	18
2009	Pleasant Ridge School	Old Order Amish		Sammie E.	Gingerich	1001 - 128th Street	Corydon	50060	14
2009	Pleasant Valley	Amish of Johnson Co.	English River Township	David	Borkholder	2346 - 105th Street	Kalona	IA	30
2009	Pleasant Valley	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	13
2009	Pleasant Valley School	Amish	Davis County	Nelson	Gingerich	15906 Jade Avenue	Bloomfield	52537	28
2009	Pleasant View	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	20
2009	Ridge View	Old Order Amish	Edgewood-Colesburg	Dan E.	Borntrager	23951 Harvest Road	Edgewood	52042	23
2009	Rolling Hills	Old Order Amish	Murray	Felix J.	Beachy	2091 - 120th Avenue	Murray	50174	11
2009	Roscoe Township School	Old Order Amish	Van Buren	Vernon	Miller	27420 Wheat Avenue	Milton	52570	18
		Church of God in Christ, Mennonite	North Fayette; West Central; Sumner-Fredericksburg	Randy	Koehn	13814 - 220th Street	West Union	52175	20
2009	Scenic View Christian School			Lester	Yoder	2475 - 560th Street SW	Kalona	52247	27
2009	Shady Lane School	Old Order Amish	Mid-Prairie	Lamoni	Levi J.	27490 Slip Bluff Road	Davis City	50065	21
2009	String Town School	Old Order Amish		Wayne, Mormon Trail, Charlton	Mose	1817 Watrous Road	Derby	50068	19
2009	Sunrise Ridge School	Old Order Amish	Christian (Amish)	Mt. Ayr	Samuel	2937 - 188th Avenue	Redding	50860	29
2009	Timber View School	Christian (Amish)	McIntire	Eli L.	Petersheim	3151 - 470th Street	McIntire	50455	22
2009	Valley View School	Heartland Mennonite	Riceville, Osage, St. Angsgar	Ron	Ensz	4067 Holly Avenue	Chester	52134	11